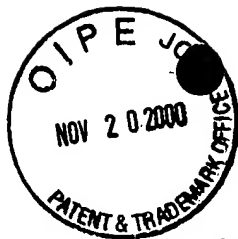


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In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Please charge any fees necessitated by this Response to our Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4391).

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the abstract and substitute therefor the "Abstract Of The Disclosure" submitted herewith on a separate sheet of paper.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS/FORMAL MATTERS

The Examiner's objections to the abstract, respectfully, have been addressed by the above amendment.